57. An fusion protein according to claim 54 wherein said protein has the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1, or "portion of said amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 of at least 240 consecutive amino acids.--

## REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

The newly presented claims find support throughout the application.

This application is submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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